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# Sustainability Assessment of Household Waste Based Solar Control Devices for Workshops in Primary Schools

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**Abstract:** Part of the large amounts of waste generated by human activities could have a second use while solving social problems. In this sense, the authors are carrying out a research project involving the participative development of innovative solar control devices integrated into school architecture using household waste. In general, the objectives of this research project are to: (a) optimize pupils' learning process by improving lighting and thermal comfort levels and (b) reduce the generation of Spanish household waste by reusing part of it and increase the teaching community's awareness about this waste. This research article reports on the steps taken to achieve these objectives by characterizing the most sustainable types of the waste-based solar control device. In this sense, this research paper defines and applies a new methodology which combines General Morphology Analysis (GMA), a new tool based on The Integrated Value Model for Sustainable Assessment and Focus groups. First, up to 96 different types of solar control devices composed of household waste have been defined using GMA and, second, these 96 types and conventional roller shutters have been assessed using this new tool. Based on these article results, one of the best alternatives has been prototyped during an initial workshop.

**Keywords:** household waste; sustainability; general morphology analysis; multi-criteria decision making; MIVES; focus groups; participatory workshops; solar control; primary education

## 1. Introduction

Global cities waste generation is expected to increase to 2.2 billion tons per year by 2025 [1]. These urban areas create the largest waste share, which is known as municipal solid waste (MSW—Appendix E presents a complete list of abbreviations) [2]. MSW is composed of ordinary daily waste and can be divided up as: (a) “household waste” and (b) waste produced during all the other activities within the city. MSW pollutes the environment, increases toxicity and worsens health [3]. Therefore, most governments and municipalities, among them Spanish entities, are looking for the best waste management mechanisms to deal with MSW [4]. In this sense, the European waste directive defines a waste hierarchy which includes these five options: (Op1) prevention; (Op2) reuse; (Op3) recycling; (Op4) recovery; and (Op5) disposal [5]. Op1 is crucial because it reduces waste generation by increasing producer and consumer's awareness with initiatives such as workshops [6] and educational activities [7]. Op2 is important because it gives a second use to waste and, in consequence, saves it from the waste cycle and reduces the final dumped waste.

In the history of architecture, there are numerous examples of reusing household waste as building components. At the end of the nineteenth century, Antoni Gaudí used broken dishes and

bottles for façade cladding [8]. In the early twentieth century several houses were built using glass bottles in North America desert mining towns [9]. From the early 2000s, several walls were constructed using plastic bottles as well [10]. There are also several recent projects on structures composed of plastic bottles [11] and experiences within the Do-it-Yourself social movement [12].

Numerous previous studies and practices about students' learning processes have proven that in school buildings, providing thermal comfort and air quality are crucial [13] as well as natural lighting and visual comfort [14]. The Heschong Mahone group [15] illustrated daylighting and its extension as the main support requirements for studying with 20% progress in classrooms with most daylighting and biggest windows. Barrett et al., [16] by assessing the effects of physical features on 3766 pupils' learning progress in 153 classrooms, demonstrated that Naturalness design principle, comprised by light, sound, temperature, air quality, and links to nature is accountable for 50% of the impact on learning progress, with the other two design principles, Individualization and Simulation, accounting for roughly a quarter each.

Also, it has been reported in numerous Spanish school buildings which could not satisfy the current indoor environmental regulations and requirements for school buildings due to their conformity with obsolete standards, guidelines, and criteria or they are buildings for other purposes converted to schools [17]. These problems have been revealed following the construction of hundreds of schools in limited timeframes and tight budgets because of urgent needs for educational centers in recent years [18] and developed into a serious uncomfortableness issues in June 2017 in hundreds of schools due to extremely hot conditions with abnormally high temperatures in eight Autonomous Communities [19]. This challenge and its effects on students' academic progress became the focus of journalistic reports as a serious social impact during 2017 as shown in Table 1.

**Table 1.** News articles about the heating problems in 2016 and 2017 in most affected Spanish territories.

Spanish Autonomous Community	Most Read Newspaper		2017 General News	2017 Specific News	2016 General News
	Name	Website			
Andalusia	Ideal	www.ideal.es	21	8	0
Catalonia	La Vanguardia	www.lavanguardia.com	23	2	4
Community of Madrid, Castilla-La Mancha	El País	www.politica.elpais.com	13	1	1
Castile and León	El Norte de Castilla	www.elnortedecastilla.es	5	3	1
Aragon	Heraldo	www.heraldo.es	19	5	3
Extremadura	Región digital	www.regiondigital.com	16	2	1

Legend: Most read newspaper: the most read newspaper in each autonomous community from Spanish National Statistics Institute, available in <http://www.ine.es/>; 2017 general news: Number of different articles published in June 2017 related to high temperatures problems in general; 2017 specific news: Number of different articles published in June 2017 related to high-temperature problems in school buildings; 2016 general news: Number of different articles published in June 2016 related to high-temperature problems in general.

This problem was caused mainly due to the low performance or non-existence of natural light control devices, with the subsequent inability to properly control these two effects by sun radiation on window panes: (a) the amount of light that enters into a classroom, and (b) the thermal gains due to the greenhouse effect. For example, interior devices control this second effect less successfully. If these devices are properly designed, they can control these two effects, both of which can be desired or undesired [20] depending on the educational requirements. On the other hand, most Spanish schools do not have air conditioning (AC) systems, which could be one of the future solutions for these schools. However, if standard AC equipment were installed, the energy impact of these buildings would increase [21].

By incorporating renewable energy systems in these solar control devices, schools can provide awareness and learning activities related to the advantages of renewable energies [22] which can be

explained or observed during workshops for, and usage by, these devices. Reviewing renewable energy systems incorporated in solar control devices, this research project studied 30 existing representative buildings constructed from the late 1990s to present. Most buildings studied have Photovoltaic (PV) systems incorporated in non-movable solar control devices. Few of them are educational buildings such as Voorschoten British School [23].

In this sense, this article is part of a broader project that aims to find the best waste based solar control device to solve the aforementioned abusive solar thermal and lighting gains during workshops with primary students and teachers. In consequence, this device has to be the most sustainable alternative from overall sustainability dimensions including economic, environmental and social issues [24,25]. Therefore, the main objectives of this research paper are: (a) develop a new methodology able to define all the feasible alternatives within the boundaries set by this study and assess the sustainability of these alternatives; (b) apply this methodology in order to find the most sustainable alternative within the guidelines set by this study; and (c) due to satisfaction gained from these first two objectives, develop a prototype the first version of the most sustainable solution for a specific workshop, school building, and its community.

## 2. Methodology

This research article has developed and applied a new methodology that combines General Morphology Analysis (GMA) [26], a new holistic Multi-Criteria Decision Making (MCDM) tool based on The Integrated Value Model for Sustainable Assessment (MIVES) [27,28] and Focus groups [29] in order to achieve the aforementioned objectives. Before applying this methodology, the boundaries of this specific study have been defined rigorously. This first step was carried out along with experts in architecture and education composed by: school directors and teachers, educational and energy department members, educational workshops experts and renewable energy experts, among others. After defining these boundaries, these experts designed an initial questionnaire for the schools included in the sample and the researchers analyzed their feedbacks.

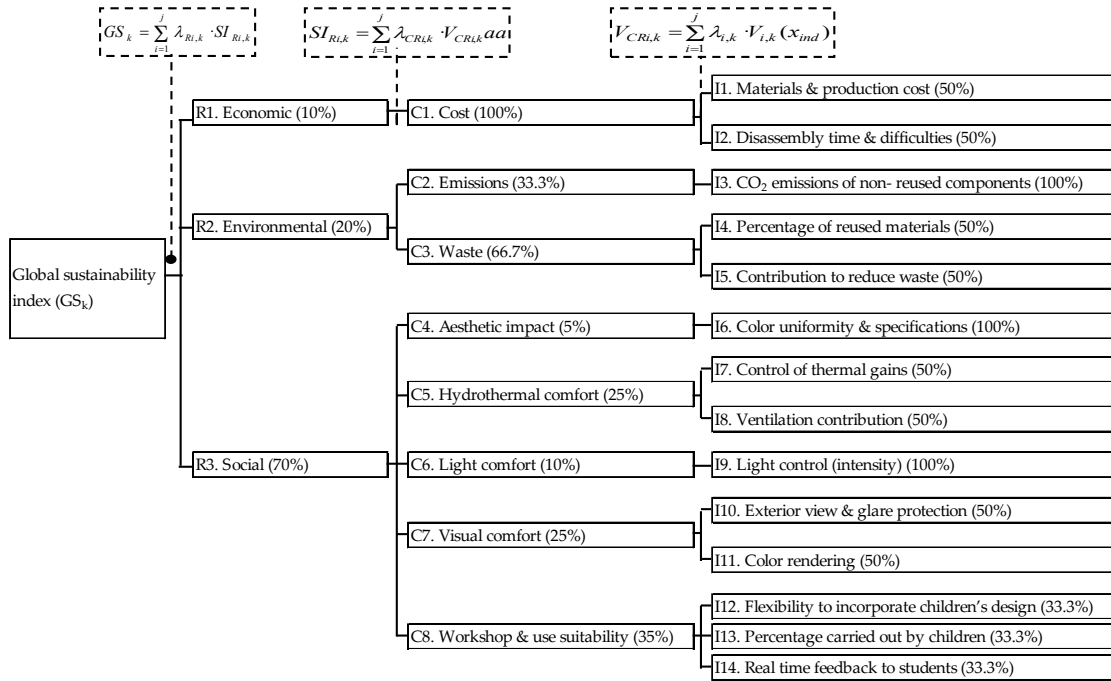
### 2.1. GMA to Define Feasible Alternatives

GMA [30] was used to define all the appropriate solar control device alternatives considering the requirements in his specific study. To do so, the researchers first chose the main parameters for the solar control devices and the value range for these parameters; second researchers limited the relevant solution space by examining the internal relationships between parameters using Cross-Consistency Assessment (CCA) and a cross-impact matrix ensuring the consistency and coexistence of each possible pair. This analysis took into account logical contradictions, empirical constraints and normative constraints. Numerous research projects have previously used this method; for example, an application for designing a sustainable school [31]. GMA is a complex methodology which involves analyzing a wide range of organized samples of alternatives and it was chosen precisely in order to be able to take into account all feasible alternatives without missing any interesting options.

### 2.2. MIVES to Assess the Sustainability of the Feasible Alternatives

MIVES is a MCDM method that incorporates the value function concept in order to define specialized holistic sustainability evaluation tools to obtain global and partial satisfaction indexes [32,33]. Compared to other interesting MCDM for Architecture and Civil Engineering [34] and schools specifically [35], MIVES particular characteristics [27] made it the best method to develop a tool for this case study. To define this tool, the experts followed three phases: (a) determine the basic tree of sustainability requirements for the decision model composed by the most important and discriminative requirements, criteria and indicators for the case study, both quantitative and qualitative; (b) calibrate the value functions that will unify the scales and units of each indicator to a 0 to 1 satisfaction value; (c) assign the weight for each tree requirements component. These experts assigned weights using Analytic Hierarchy Process (AHP) [36] or direct assignation. This second direct method was for cases when the 100% weight had to be assigned between a maximum of 3

components. These workshops and AHP bring objectivity to the requirements tree. Figure 1 presents the sustainability requirements tree with its components and weights ( $\lambda_{Ri,k}$ ).



**Figure 1.** Diagram showing how the Global sustainability index ( $GS_k$ ) is obtained: adding up the three requirements satisfaction indexes R1 to R3 ( $SI_{Ri,k}$ ), which are obtained by adding up their own criteria C1 to C8 satisfaction indexes ( $CI_{Ri,k}$ ), which are obtained by adding up their own indicator I1 to I14 adimensional aforementioned value functions satisfaction ( $V_{i,k}$ ); all of them corrected considering their own weights.

This project has a high social relevance that explains the particular weights and components of its tree. This is organized in the three main pillars of sustainability as requirements. The economic requirement has one criteria, cost. I1 assesses the materials and construction cost of non-reused components that are mainly joints and renewable energy devices because the reused components supply and assembly during workshops are considered free of cost. The time and difficulties of disassembling operations are considered in I2 because disassembly process will be carried out after finishing the school year and the reuse of connections and renewable energy devices is required. No maintenance costs are considered because solutions will be disassembled when the year is finished because part of these proposed educational objectives will be fulfilled during workshops each year. This requirement does not consider economic gains from the generation of energy because all alternatives will generate low electricity, which will run light-emitting diodes (LED) or fans and provide direct feedback to children's needs as previously explained. This occurs because this project focuses on children's learning and awareness about waste, as explained in detail in the introduction. Nevertheless, the schools will have economic gains from their energy savings and these gains could increase if the schools participate in programs such as Euronet 50/50 [37].

The environmental requirement assesses emissions and waste. Energy consumption of non-reused components has not been considered as an exclusive indicator but covered by I3 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. This is the case because these components' energy consumption tendency is similar to emissions [18]. In consequence, emissions weights have been assigned considering the importance of both. Energy indicators such as thermal storage and passive systems are not considered because they have low viability in the alternatives and are already assessed in control of thermal gains. I4 assesses the percentage of reused materials in the whole alternative and I5 assesses how important the reuse of the materials chosen is to reduce local and global waste production. Water consumption is

unassessed due to its insignificant rate when compared to the water consumed in the Life Cycle Analysis of the building.

The social requirement assesses five important criteria. C4 assesses the color of the solution and its uniformity and fulfilment of architectural specifications. Aesthetic impact does not include architectural specifications or urban & landscape integration because the solution is temporary. C5 assesses the solution capacity to control thermal gains and ventilation contribution taking into account the variability of weather conditions in the sample location. Humidity control has not been included because this has been considered beyond solar protection device requirements. Light comfort in C6 and I9 assesses the capacity of the solution to control the light intensity in lux considering the changing daily and seasonal situations and the changing inside necessities, from light demanding activities to darkness demanding activities. C7 assesses the visual comfort considering in I10 the solution capacity to offer both exterior view and glare protection depending on the requirements, and in I11 the color rendering of objects inside the classroom. C8 assesses the accuracy of the solution during the workshop and its final use. I12 assesses the flexibility to incorporate children's designs and creativity to the final solar control device, and I13 values the percentage of the assembly carried out by children during the complete assembly process. I14 assesses the ability of the device to give real-time feedback to students about the solar control device performance. For example, this occurs if the device produces energy that is consumed by a fan or a LED, which shows how much energy is produced to children in real time. Other social issues have not been assessed because researchers consider that they do not depend on the alternative but the subsequent design, organization and management of the workshop. This is the case of the assembly process of the devices during the workshop. This process will be based on the primary education curriculum [38] in order to increase children's awareness and learning achievements.

These 14 indicators have value functions based on MIVES [32] considered with satisfaction levels from 0 to 1 and depend on five parameters. These parameters determine the function, shape and, in consequence, how each indicator value corresponds to the 0 to 1 satisfaction scale. For example, the Equation (1) to calculate the value function of indicator I1 in this research study has a decreasing concave shape (DCV). Therefore, initial and final value indicator variations will have greater satisfaction scale variations than middle-value indicator variations.

$$V_{I1} = A + B \cdot \left[ 1 - e^{-ki \left( \frac{|X_{alt} - X_m|}{Ci} \right)^{Pi}} \right] = B \cdot \left[ 1 - e^{-0.01 \cdot \left( \frac{|X - 2200|}{1100} \right)^{1.5}} \right] \quad (1)$$

Equation (1) shows the previously mentioned parameters:  $A = 0$  is the response value to  $X_{max}$ ;  $ki = 0.01$  comes closer to the ordinate of the curve inflection point;  $X_{alt} = X$  is each response to the indicator I1;  $X_m = X_{max} = 2200 \text{ €/m}^2$  is the maximum abscissa value considered for I1 in this indicator because it is decreasing, if it were increasing it would be  $X_m = X_{min}$ ;  $Ci = 1100 \text{ €/m}^2$  comes closer to the abscissa value of the curve inflection point; 1.5 is the form factor for this concave curve. The parameter B maintains the function within the 0 to 1 range as presented in Equation (2). This equation includes some of the aforementioned parameters and  $X_{min} = 50 \text{ €/m}^2$ , which is the minimum abscissa value considered for I1.

$$B = \left[ 1 - e^{-ki \left( \frac{|X_{max} - X_{min}|}{Ci} \right)^{Pi}} \right]^{-1} = \left[ 1 - e^{-0.01 \cdot \left( \frac{|2200 - 50|}{1100} \right)^{1.5}} \right]^{-1} \quad (2)$$

Indicators I2 to I14 have other parameters that define their value functions shapes: two more DCV, one decreasing linear (DL), seven increasing convex (ICX), and three increasing linear (IL). The researchers have defined these parameters in the course of sessions. Table A8 in Appendix D presents the main parameters and information of each indicator value function with its related references. In these parameters the experts have considered it to be a priority to promote this new implementation

and therefore to evaluate positively all small contributions to each alternative. In this sense, maximum and minimum values are respectively 100 and 0 for the assessed indicators using points. In indicators I1 and I3, these values are 10% more or less of the maximum and minimum alternatives values.

The calculation of each indicator has also been designed in collaboration with experts. Table A9 in Appendix D summarizes the main considerations about these calculations.

In the last step of the sustainability assessment tool design, the  $GS_k$  for each alternative is defined. As presented in Equation (3),  $GS_k$  this is the addition of the partial satisfaction indexes of the three requirements  $SI_{Ri,k}$  considering each requirement weight from the previously presented requirement tree (Figure 1).

$$GS_k = \sum_{i=1}^j \lambda_{Ri,k} \cdot SI_{Ri,k} \quad (3)$$

Similarly, as shown in Figure 1, each of the three  $SI_{Ri,k}$  is obtained adding up their own criteria  $CI_{Ri,k}$  corrected considering their own weights. Finally, the  $CI_{Ri,k}$  is obtained adding up their own indicator's adimensional aforementioned  $V_{Ik}$ , considering their own weights from Figure 1. In this present study, this MIVES application also included a sensitive analysis in order to prove the robustness of this new tool.

### 2.3. Focus Groups to Define a First Prototype and Workshop for a Specific School

Based on the previous steps, one of the most sustainable alternatives was prototyped during a first participatory workshop with students to solve a specific school community problem, representative of this study sample. This alternative selection process, prototype and workshop were also done through Focus groups, which are valuable research tools capable of capturing information that will help to better manage the process of prototype development. This research tool has already been successfully combined with MIVES in previous research projects [39,40]. We also used Focus group as exploratory research in developing new surveys. There are four essential steps in conducting Focus groups: (1) planning (2) recruiting, (3) moderating, and (4) making an analysis and reporting [29]. In this sense, first, we created a purpose statement that reflected what we needed to know from the participant group. The research team drew up several questions on the planned workshops and the best ways to run them, the surveys and designing of the new prototype. When the purpose and desired outcomes had been defined and agreed upon, we identified who should participate in the three sessions, which included teaching team and research project members. One researcher was a moderator who led the group discussion, facilitated interaction among participants and maintained the high-quality interaction that will provide relevant information.

## 3. Results

### 3.1. Defining the Problem and Case Study

During this first step, the researchers defined the boundaries of this research project as follows: external solar control devices that are built using household waste during primary educational workshops and are employed for windows in existing Spanish schools. Primary education, also known as elementary, includes grades 1–6 for children from 6 to 12 years old in Spain [41]. These boundaries result from the sample main necessities: (a) external solar control devices; (b) reuse of household waste; and (c) children's awareness about the high generation of waste. Accordingly, the schools studied in this project are all Spanish primary schools. However, in order to be able to carry out a rigorous study with the time and resources available, the researchers defined an initial smaller representative sample. This simplified set public primary school is located in three representative municipalities within the greater metropolitan Barcelona area. Table 2 presents the main characteristics of these municipalities related to this research project [42,43].

**Table 2.** Main characteristics for the municipalities where the sample schools are located.

	Municipality 1	Municipality 2	Municipality 3
Name	Barcelona	Sant Boi de Llobregat	Torrelles de Llobregat
UTM coordinates ((WGS84) Zone 31T)	E: 429686.70 N: 4582259.10	E: 419270.66 N: 4577599.01	E: 414624.11 N: 4578716.42
Number of inhabitants (inh)	1608,746	82,402	5933
Density (inh/km <sup>2</sup> )	15,873.2	3838.0	437.5
Births	13,957	762	58
Deaths	16,003	658	35
Number of public primary schools	169	14	2
Number of schools given questionnaires	30	14	2
Solar irradiation (global horizontal plane) (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> da & kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )	4.7 (1.9–7.6)	4.7 (1.9–7.6)	4.7 (1.9–7.6)
Maximum temperature (June 2016) (°C)	32,5	32	25
Gross domestic product (GDP) per capita (thousands of €)	40.8	21.3	10.4
Registered unemployment	82,597.1	5960.7	299.3

To study this sample, a 10 questions questionnaire was designed in order to evaluate the satisfaction level by schools teaching teams regarding their solar control devices. This questionnaire is included in Appendix A. In the case of Barcelona, only three schools per district were given this questionnaire. Table 3 presents the results of these questionnaires that were considered in this research project to define the schools in the sample needs on solar control devices. As shown in this table, the most commonly used solar control device in the schools included in the sample at present are exterior roller shutters, which have been complemented with other solar control devices in order to improve school lighting and thermal comfort in almost all school centers.

**Table 3.** Results of questionnaires from schools which submitted answers related to solar control devices.

		Municipality 1	Municipalities 2 and 3	Standard Deviation
Existing kind of solar control system (question 3)	Exterior roller shutter	59%	50%	0.06
	Percentage of roller shutters that have been complemented	88%	100%	0.08
Lighting performance satisfaction for solar control devices (question 4)	High satisfaction	34%	62%	0.20
	Average satisfaction	24%	19%	0.04
	Low satisfaction	42%	19%	0.16
Thermal performance satisfaction for solar control devices (question 5)	High satisfaction	14%	31%	0.12
	Average satisfaction	24%	31%	0.05
	Low satisfaction	62%	38%	0.17
Solar control devices (question 7)	work properly as new	31%	50%	0.13
	need minimum maintenance	48%	38%	0.08
	need important repair	7%	6%	0.00
	need replacement	14%	6%	0.05

### 3.2. Determining the Appropriate Alternatives

This second step defined the most important parameters for this case study and assigned relevant values for each parameter following the aforementioned GMA. Table A3 presents the eight main parameters and their relevant values.

These parameters do not generate specific solutions but types of solutions, which reduce the amount of generated alternatives and, therefore, simplify the whole process. For the first parameter about the position, two values include devices installed on the ground floor and other levels of the façade. Devices installed in the playground as isolated elements were outside the scope of this study and therefore discarded. The second parameter is mobility and includes two opposite values, either the device is fixed and immovable or moveable being foldable, retractable, or scrollable. The third

parameter is the types of solar control devices and considers three relevant values according to the stated boundaries.

In consequence, interior devices are discarded. This study focuses on devices that students can control either manually or with up-down commands whereas fully automated devices are discarded. Venetian blinds, roller blinds, extensible awning, solar control glass, glass vinyl, transparent or opaque building integrated photovoltaic elements and building integrated solar thermal systems [20] have been discarded since they have been considered unable to be composed of household waste.

The fourth parameter is the type of household waste exposed to weathering [44], and four types are defined: (4.1) Bottles, either polyethylene terephthalate or high-density polyethylene previously used for food and drinking products; (4.2) Other containers, e.g., tetra briks, yogurt recipients, plastic cups ...; (4.3) opaque or translucent superficial elements, such as opened tetra briks, polystyrene and polyethylene plates, dishes, egg containers covers ...; and (4.4) Small elements such as bottle covers. On the other hand, the following materials have been discarded: (a) waste containers whose shape and material properties could cause injuries, such as metals, glass, home appliances ...; (b) waste that may have been in contact with toxic products and allergens such as cleaning products and paints; and (c) low durability products such as plastic bags, paper and paperboard that cannot last exposed to exterior weathering during one school term. The fifth parameter is the filling material and has two operational values: waste such as expanded polystyrene, paper, paperboard, plastic bags and soil to grow plants. Water as filling material has also been discarded to avoid problems related to stagnant water such as algae, mosquitoes ... [45].

The last three parameters are elements which are not waste but produced and bought for the device manufacture and application. The sixth parameter is the type of auxiliary material and has five relevant values. The seventh parameter is the type of renewable energy system and has two possible values: (7.1) rigid small photovoltaic (PV) panels and (7.2) Piezoelectric elements. This project discards the following systems: (a) biomass, hydro, geothermal and marine technologies because they are not suitable for the case study [46]; (b) solar thermal because of their inadequate pipe temperatures and pressures for children; (c) adsorption systems because they are too complex; and d) non-rigid flexible or amorphous PV elements [47], because waste alternatives are made of limited pieces and lack amorphous surfaces. The last parameter is the type of device that consumes the energy generated by the renewable system and has two values: (8.1) a fan that optimizes ventilation and (8.2) light-emitting diodes (LED). The following have been discarded: (a) connection to the electric network or batteries because of the low amount of energy generated and (b) connection to a system to pump water upwards and then generate energy via hydropower because of its complexity and inconveniences of water running circuits prone to sanitary and durability issues [45].

In the course of these sessions, experts have used GMA and CCA to reduce the amount of possible solar control alternatives which were developed by these parameters and their possible values to a subset that has primary internal consistency. The internal relationships among these eight parameters have been studied by an analysis-synthesis process. These parameters were compared with one another by means of a cross-impact matrix which took into account the boundaries of the project and the consequent inconsistencies, which are classified and presented in Table A4 in Appendix C. As shown there were logical and empirical constraints but no normative constraints.

From this GMA resulted in the 82 feasible alternatives incorporated in Tables A1 and A2 in Appendix B, one table for each value of parameter 1. At this point, the researchers studied cross-impact matrixes without particular configurations or subsets (Table A5) in order to find 14 more alternatives that were non-logical and unexpected, which are presented in Tables A6 and A7 in Appendix C. To do so, several values were added although they were incompatible with the stated boundaries. These added values for parameter 3 are “3.4. Solid panels”, “3.5. Solar control glass” and “3.6. Roller shutters” and for parameter 4 are “4.5 cardboard” and “4.6 plastic bags”. Consequently, from these final total 96 alternatives, the 14 non-logical options helped the researchers to contrast and confirm the 82 logical alternatives, as explained in the discussion section.



### 3.3. Results for Sustainability Assessments of Alternatives

This part determines the sustainability of the aforementioned 96 alternatives as well as the sustainability of exterior roller shutters, which are the most commonly used solar control device of the sample as previously shown in Table 3. These roller shutters are devices beyond these new sustainability assessment tool boundaries. Nevertheless, they have been assessed to have more quantitative information when comparing them to the experimental prototypes.

The main results of this sustainability assessment are the global sustainability index for each alternative  $GS_k$  and the three partial satisfaction indexes of the economic, environmental, and social requirements  $SI_{R1,k}$ ,  $SI_{R2,k}$ , and  $SI_{R3,k}$ , respectively.

Table A10 in Appendix D presents all these indexes for all the 97 assessed devices. Table 4 illustrates the ten alternatives that have maximum partial satisfaction indexes and maximum global sustainability indexes.

**Table 4.** Sensitivity analysis comparing two other weight scenarios of the solar control device alternative types.

Sustainability Requirement	Research Project Scenario (E1)	Neutral Scenario (E2)	Economically Biased Scenario (E3)	Variation from Scenario E1 to E2	Variation from Scenario E1 to E3
Economic	10%	33.33%	50%		
Environmental	20%	33.33%	30%		
Social	70%	33.33%	20%		
	$GS_k$	$GS_k$	$GS_k$		
Alternative 1	0.81	0.81	0.82	0%	−1%
Alternative 24	0.82	0.78	0.78	4%	4%
Alternative 25	0.82	0.78	0.78	4%	4%
Alternative 26	0.82	0.81	0.80	1%	2%
Alternative 28	0.82	0.79	0.75	3%	7%
Alternative 42	0.81	0.80	0.81	1%	0%
Alternative 65	0.82	0.77	0.76	5%	6%
Alternative 66	0.82	0.77	0.77	5%	5%
Alternative 67	0.80	0.78	0.75	2%	5%
Alternative 69	0.80	0.73	0.67	7%	13%
			Average	3%	5%

In general, the results showed that the most sustainable alternatives with maximum global index are movable exterior curtains and louvres built using bottles and other plastic or tetra briks waste, respectively, and integrated with PV panels which are connected to fans.

### 3.4. First Prototype of One of the Most Sustainable Alternative for a Specific Case Study

The first prototype was defined taking into account their future installation in a specific school included in the sample. This educational center was chosen from the 46 interviewed centers of the 185 sample schools, presented in Table 2. This center was chosen because it had both the gravest lack of solar controls and a teaching team more prone to collaborate in this project, which had been proven to be crucial for participative projects in schools [48]. The main characteristics of this school [49] are representative of an important part of schools included in this sample study. This first design and prototype was  $0.6 \times 1.95$  m and solved part of one window solar control, although it aims to solve the solar control issues on the 33 classrooms windows on the same building façade in the future. These windows have these traits in common: south-east orientation, 1.95 m high, 2.40 m wide, have no shading from nearby buildings, have curtains as control devices. Following these characteristics, the aforementioned Focus groups chose alternative 24, which is ground floor louvres, that are movable, use superficial waste, incorporate PV and a fan. The main reasons for choosing this alternative is that it had the best social criteria sustainability index and, therefore, was more flexible to incorporate children's design & creativity. Children could carry out a higher percentage of its installation and

had better real-time feedback to students for its performance. Among the different possibilities within this alternative, vertical louvres were chosen according both to the orientation and this school's teaching team preferences. Finally, tetra briks were chosen because this school had an extra amount of tetra briks available as part of a European Union program that was providing milk to the school [49].

#### 4. Discussion

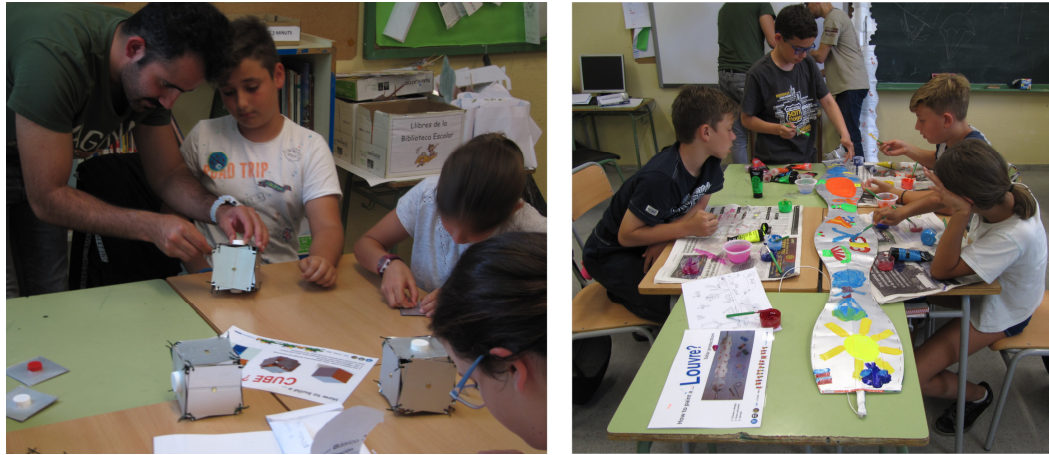
This section discusses the previous results about this project sample, the 96 new solar control devices alternatives plus the current roller shutters and the first design and prototype for the most sustainable device.

In Section 3, the analysis of the sample proves teaching teams' dissatisfaction regarding their schools solar control devices. The sample schools are representative of a much broader sample consisting of numerous Spanish educational centers with similar circumstances. Consequently, the researchers expect that a huge number of primary education teams in Spain have low satisfaction levels for their current solar control devices, regarding thermal and lighting performance and their workability.

Up to 96 alternatives have been defined using GMA and CCA, which are listed in Appendix B. Up to 82 alternatives represent the main types of solar control devices composed of household waste, incorporating energy systems, and able to be assembled during participatory workshops in primary schools. This representability has been ensured by relying on the qualified design process applying the comprehensive methodologies incorporating sessions with multidisciplinary experts. The rest are 14 non-logical alternatives beyond some of these research limits have also been generated to prove it. All alternatives are types of solar control devices and, therefore, each one includes numerous possible specific solutions that will be studied in the future steps of this research project. This simplification gives flexibility to the results, as has already been explained in the methodology.

The 96 alternatives and the roller shutters sustainability assessment results are shown in Appendix D. The ten most sustainable alternatives, their three requirements satisfaction ( $SI_{Ri,k}$ ) and their Global Index ( $GS_k$ ) are presented in Table 3. These best alternative types are exterior louvres and curtains. They differ because exterior louvres have the best social indexes while exterior curtains have the best environmental indexes. These most environmentally friendly alternatives incorporate waste fill or soil to grow plants inside containers. Regarding social requirements, which are the most important for this research project, the best solutions incorporate PV and fans. On the other hand, the 14 non-logical alternatives had the lowest global sustainability indexes and the lowest environmental and social indexes, which are the most crucial indicators for this project as previously explained. This confirms that GMA has properly defined the appropriate alternatives for this project. On the other hand, roller shutters are out of the scope for this research project and, therefore, their low sustainability index was expected, mainly because it is not possible to use them for workshops, since they give no feedback to students, do not allow children's design and their hydrothermal and light control behavior should improve for educational purposes as presented in Section 3.1. To prove the robustness of these results, a sensitivity analysis has been carried out considering two other scenarios with different requirements weights as shown in Table 3. The two other considered scenarios are if decision makers' had either a neutral or an economically biased point of view. The neutral scenario gives the same third part weight to each requirement. The Economic scenario gives 50% of the weight to the economic requirement, 30% to the environmental and 20% to the social. As seen in Table 3, the variation for most alternatives is very low, with the maximum variation occurring in alternatives 11 and 84, because they are the worst from the environmental and social points of view.

Defining and carrying out the first prototype and workshop as shown in Figure 2 [49] has been useful to: (a) confirm it is possible to build real mobile louvres mainly based on household waste material as Table 4 and Figure 3 present; (b) confirm children can build them; (c) confirm children can be more aware of global waste problem and of solar control devices from this workshop; and (d) detect the strengths and weaknesses encountered in this first workshop in order to improve future versions in terms of contents, times, phases, materials, etc.



**Figure 2.** Children developing waste-based solar control devices during the first workshop.



**Figure 3.** First waste-based solar control devices prototype developed during the first workshop.

## 5. Conclusions

Compared to the previous similar projects presented in the introduction, this research project main novelties are: (a) the definition of a new methodology that combines GMA, MIVES, and Focus groups for the first time and (b) the application of this methodology in order to find the most sustainable alternative among all feasible possible waste based solar control devices for primary workshops about sustainable architecture.

In consequence, this project has satisfied its objectives because it has: found all the appropriate waste based solar control devices alternatives to be built in primary workshops; assessed the sustainability of these alternatives to determine the most sustainable devices; and has built the first new solar control devices prototypes during a first workshop. It has also contributed to environmental awareness, particularly in the 46 schools interviewed and the schools where the first prototype and workshop has been developed.

The proposed solutions are composed of household waste compatible with primary children's safety, incorporate energy systems and solve the sample schools' serious lack of solar control. Therefore, they contribute to provide maximum comfort level and energy efficiency in these schools. Furthermore, being mainly composed of waste, they have almost zero-cost and zero-emission factors.

These project methodologies have once more proven very useful to carry out research because of: (a) GMA efficiency to identify the appropriate alternatives; (b) MIVES versatility to generate agile MCDM tools for specific problems; and (c) Focus group capacity to consider all crucial particularities. In this research project, it was essential to be able to consider all appropriate alternatives using GMA and it was difficult to define them all because of the novelty of using household waste as a material for workshops to build solar control devices. The MIVES sustainability assessment was also crucial in order to find the best alternative in terms of cost, thermal, light and color performance among others indicators that have been studied in depth.

In this sense, the next steps in this research project will assess in depth these aspects of this device: its thermal and lighting performance, its components mechanical and durability performance and its overall sustainability benefits. In the future, this project will also define a definitive version of its workshop based on the latest advances in primary education pedagogy.

As recommendations for future studies, this project considers these methodologies applicable to similar challenges after adapting them to each case and encourages researchers to do so by relying on this present study. For example, they can be used to define and assess waste based solar protections for playgrounds or high schools. In this sense, both this and other similar projects are expected to promote awareness and better management of our Society critical waste generation.

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## Appendix A

First questionnaire

- (1) What's the name of your school center?
- (2) In which municipality is located your school?
- (3) What kind of solar control device does your school building have?
  - a. Exterior roller shutter
  - b. Not movable Louvre blinds
  - c. Exterior shutters
  - d. Exterior textile blinds
  - e. Exterior non-movable awning
  - f. Exterior roller awning
  - g. Balconies and cantilevers
  - h. Pergola Shelter in the playground close to openings
  - i. Awnings in the playground close to openings
  - j. Vegetation and trees
  - k. Textile interior curtains
  - l. Dark window glazing
  - m. Special window glazing with drawings
  - n. Louvre blinds with Photovoltaic panels incorporated
  - o. Other
  - p. None
- (4) Do you consider that these devices are flexible enough considering the entrance of sunlight in order to do the different learning activities you do?
  - a. Yes, always
  - b. Yes, in 75% of the cases

- c. Yes, in 50% of the cases
  - d. Yes, in 25% of the cases
  - e. No, never.
- (5) Do you consider that these devices are able to sufficiently control the entrance of sunlight in order to achieve thermal comfort of school interior spaces?
- a. Yes, always
  - b. Yes, in 75% of the cases
  - c. Yes, in 50% of the cases
  - d. Yes, in 25% of the cases
  - e. No, never.
- (6) How long ago were these devices assembled?
- a. 0–2 years
  - b. 3–5 years
  - c. 6–10 years
  - d. 11–25 years
  - e. More than 25 years
- (7) Are these devices working properly?
- a. Yes, they are new
  - b. They need minimum maintenance work, such as painting, varnishing ...
  - c. They need an important rehabilitation as they are broken in several parts.
  - d. They should be replaced for new devices since they don't work and/or are all broken.
- (8) Which of the schools you know have the best solar protection to control light and temperature for spaces in those centers?
- (9) Which of the schools you know have the worst solar protection to control light and temperature for spaces in those centers?
- (10) Would you be willing to do a workshop with children and teachers to build solar protections with household waste during the next year and a half?
- a. Yes
  - b. I would like to know more about this research project before deciding
  - c. No

## Appendix B

**Table A1.** Alternative solar protection devices for ground floor installation (1.1).

Mobility	Control	Waste	Filling	Connectors	System	Use	N°
2.1. Fixed	3.1. Louvre blinds	4.3. Superficial	N/A	6.1 + 6.2 + 6.3	7.1. PV	8.1. Fan	1
						8.2. LED	2
					7.2. Wind	8.2. LED	3
						8.1. Fan	4
					7.1. PV	8.2. LED	5
					7.2. Wind	8.2. LED	6
	3.2. Exterior curtains	4.2. Other containers	5.1. Waste + 5.2. Soil	6.1 + 6.2 + 6.3		8.1. Fan	7
					7.1. PV	8.2. LED	8
					7.2. Wind	8.2. LED	9
						8.1. Fan	10
					7.1. PV	8.2. LED	11
					7.2. Wind	8.2. LED	12
		4.4. Small	5.2. Soil	6.1 + 6.3		8.1. Fan	13
					7.1. PV	8.2. LED	14

2.2. Movable	3.3. Sun sail & awnings	4.1. Plastic Bottles	5.1. Waste	6.1 + 6.2	7.1. PV	7.2. Wind	8.2. LED	15
						8.1. Fan	16	
						8.2. LED	17	
		4.2. Other containers	5.1. Waste	6.1 + 6.2	7.1. PV	8.1. Fan	18	
						8.2. LED	19	
						8.1. Fan	20	
		4.3. Superficial	N/A	6.1 + 6.2 + 6.3	7.1. PV	8.2. LED	21	
						8.1. Fan	22	
						8.2. LED	23	
	3.1. Louvres	4.3. Superficial	N/A	6.1 + 6.2 + 6.3 + 6.5	7.1. PV	8.1. Fan	24	
						8.2. LED	25	
						8.1. Fan	26	
		4.1. Plastic Bottles	5.1. Waste	6.1 + 6.2 + 6.5	7.1. PV	8.2. LED	27	
						8.1. Fan	28	
						8.2. LED	29	
		4.2. Other containers	5.1. Waste	6.1 + 6.2 + 6.5	7.1. PV	8.1. Fan	30	
						8.2. LED	31	
						8.1. Fan	32	
	4.3. Superficial	N/A	6.1 + 6.2 + 6.3 + 6.5	7.1. PV	8.2. LED	33		
					8.1. Fan	34		
					8.2. LED	35		
	3.2. Exterior curtains	4.1. Plastic Bottles	5.1. Waste	6.1 + 6.2 + 6.5	7.1. PV	8.1. Fan	36	
						8.2. LED	37	
						8.1. Fan	38	
		4.2. Other containers	5.1. Waste	6.1 + 6.2 + 6.5	7.1. PV	8.2. LED	39	
						8.1. Fan	40	
						8.2. LED	41	
4.3. Superficial		N/A	6.1 + 6.2 + 6.3 + 6.5	7.1. PV	8.1. Fan	41		
					8.2. LED	42		
					8.1. Fan	43		
4.4. Small	N/A	6.1 + 6.2 + 6.3 + 6.5	7.1. PV	8.2. LED	44			
				8.1. Fan	45			
				8.2. LED	46			

**Table A2.** Alternative solar protection devices for installation in levels from first floor on (1.2).

Mobility	Control	Waste	Filling	Connectors	System	Use	N°
2.1. Fixed	3.1. Louvre blinds	4.3. Superficial	N/A	6.1 + 6.2 + 6.3	7.1. PV	8.1. Fan	42
					7.2. Wind	8.2. LED	43
		4.1. Plastic Bottles	5.1. Waste	6.1 + 6.2	7.1. PV	8.1. Fan	44
					7.2. Wind	8.2. LED	45
		4.2. Other containers	5.1. Waste	6.1 + 6.2	7.1. PV	8.1. Fan	46
					7.2. Wind	8.2. LED	47
	3.2. Exterior curtains	4.3. Superficial	N/A	6.1 + 6.2 + 6.3	7.1. PV	8.1. Fan	48
					7.2. Wind	8.2. LED	49
		4.1. Plastic Bottles	5.1. Waste	6.1 + 6.2	7.1. PV	8.1. Fan	50
					7.2. Wind	8.2. LED	51
		4.2. Other containers	5.1. Waste	6.1 + 6.2	7.1. PV	8.1. Fan	52
					7.2. Wind	8.2. LED	53
	3.3. Sun sail & awnings	4.3. Superficial	N/A	6.1 + 6.2 + 6.3	7.1. PV	8.1. Fan	54
					7.2. Wind	8.2. LED	55
		4.1. Plastic Bottles	5.1. Waste	6.1 + 6.2	7.1. PV	8.1. Fan	56
					7.2. Wind	8.2. LED	57
		4.2. Other containers	5.1. Waste	6.1 + 6.2	7.1. PV	8.1. Fan	58
					7.2. Wind	8.2. LED	59
	3.3. Sun sail & awnings	4.3. Superficial	N/A	6.1 + 6.2 + 6.3	7.1. PV	8.1. Fan	60
					7.2. Wind	8.2. LED	61
		4.1. Plastic Bottles	5.1. Waste	6.1 + 6.2	7.1. PV	8.1. Fan	62
					7.2. Wind	8.2. LED	63
		4.2. Other containers	5.1. Waste	6.1 + 6.2	7.1. PV	8.1. Fan	64
					7.2. Wind	8.2. LED	65

2.2. Movable	3.1. Louvres	4.3. Superficial	N/A	6.1 + 6.2 + 6.3 + 6.5	7.1. PV	8.2. LED	64
						8.1. Fan	65
	3.2. Exterior curtains	4.1. Plastic Bottles	5.1. Waste	6.1 + 6.2 + 6.5	7.1. PV	8.2. LED	66
						8.1. Fan	67
		4.2. Other containers	5.1. Waste	6.1 + 6.2 + 6.5	7.1. PV	8.2. LED	68
						8.1. Fan	69
		4.3. Superficial	N/A	6.1 + 6.2 + 6.3 + 6.5	7.1. PV	8.2. LED	70
						8.1. Fan	71
		4.4. Small	N/A	6.1 + 6.2 + 6.3 + 6.5	7.1. PV	8.2. LED	72
						8.1. Fan	73
	3.3. Sun sail	4.1. Plastic Bottles	5.1. Waste	6.1 + 6.2 + 6.5	7.1. PV	8.2. LED	74
						8.1. Fan	75
		4.2. Other containers	5.1. Waste	6.1 + 6.2 + 6.5	7.1. PV	8.2. LED	76
						8.1. Fan	77
		4.3. Superficial	N/A	6.1 + 6.2 + 6.3 + 6.5	7.1. PV	8.2. LED	78
						8.1. Fan	79
		4.4. Small	N/A	6.1 + 6.2 + 6.3 + 6.5	7.1. PV	8.2. LED	80
						8.1. Fan	81
						8.2. LED	82

## Appendix C

**Table A3.** Main parameters for this study case and their relevant values.

Parameter	Relevant Values
1. Position of the solar control device in the façade	1.1. Ground floor
	1.2. First floor
2. Mobility of the solar control device	2.1. Fixed
	2.2. Movable
3. Types of solar control devices	3.1. Louvre blinds
	3.2. Exterior curtains
	3.3. Sun sails & awnings
4. Type of domestic reused waste exposed to weathering	4.1. Plastic Bottles
	4.2. Other containers
	4.3. Superficial elements
	4.4. Small elements
5. Type of materials filling containers and bottles	5.1. Filling waste
	5.2. Soil with plants
6. Types of auxiliary materials	6.1. Plastic or metallic connections
	6.2. Plastic or metallic profiles
	6.3. Nylon or cloth twines
	6.4. Adhesive
	6.5. Mobile system
7. Types of renewable energy systems	7.1. PV panels
	7.2. Piezoelectric elements
8. Types of devices that use the energy produced	8.1. Fan
	8.2. LEDS

**Table A4.** Inconsistencies considered in the GMA and CCA.

Type of Inconsistency	Relevant Values
1. Logical contradictions	Value 3.1 only made with 4.3 because louvre elements are superficial.
	Values 5.1 and 5.2 only for values 4.1 and 4.2 because filling needs a recipient to be filled.
	Value 6.5 only logical with value 2.2.
2. Empirical constraints	Value 5.2 only for 1.1 because in the ground floor the problems from leaking plants will be less. Value 8.1 only with 7.1 because 7.2 will involve ventilation for itself.
	Value 2.2 incompatible with 5.1 and 7.2 because resulting alternatives high complexity.
	Value 3.3 incompatible with 7.2 because the horizontal position limits its viability.
3. Normative constraints	None

To obtain unexpected alternatives, matrixes without particular configurations were prepared such as:

**Table A5.** Unexpected solar control devices alternatives types.

	4.3. Superficial	4.5. Cardboard	4.6. Plastic Bags
3.1. Louvre blinds			
3.2. Exterior curtains			
3.3. Sun sails & awnings			
3.4. Solid panels	UA		
3.5. Solar control glass			UA
3.6. Roller shutters	UA	UA	

Legend: UA-Unexpected Alternative.

From this matrix the following alternatives have been added:

**Table A6.** Added alternatives 83 to 89 for ground floor solar protective devices (1.1).

Mobility	Control	Waste	Filling	Connectors	System	Use	Nº
2.1. Fixed	3.4. Solid panels	4.5. Cardboard	N/A	6.1 + 6.2 + 6.3	7.1. PV	8.1. Fan	83
						8.2. LED	84
	3.5. Solar control glass	4.3. Superficial	N/A	6.4	N/A	N/A	85
		4.6. Plastic bags	N/A	6.4	N/A	N/A	86
2.2. Movable	3.6. Roller shutters	4.3. Superficial	N/A	6.1 + 6.2 + 6.3 + 6.5	7.1. PV	8.2. LED	87
	3.4. Solid panels	4.5. Cardboard	N/A	6.1 + 6.2 + 6.3 + 6.5	7.1. PV	8.2. Fan	88
						8.2. LED	89

**Table A7.** Added alternatives 90 to 96 for solar protective devices in levels from first floor on (1.2).

Mobility	Control	Waste	Filling	Connectors	System	Use	Nº
2.1. Fixed	3.4. Solid panels	4.5. Cardboard	N/A	6.1 + 6.2 + 6.3	7.1. PV	8.1. Fan	90
						8.2. LED	91
	3.5. Solar control glass	4.3. Superficial	N/A	6.4	N/A	N/A	92
		4.6. Plastic bags	N/A	6.4	N/A	N/A	93
2.2. Movable	3.6. Roller shutters	4.3. Superficial	N/A	6.1 + 6.2 + 6.3 + 6.5	7.1. PV	8.2. LED	94
	3.4. Solid panels	4.5. Cardboard	N/A	6.1 + 6.2 + 6.3 + 6.5	7.1. PV	8.2. Fan	95
						8.2. LED	96

## Appendix D

**Table A8.** Main parameters and information for each indicator (Ix) value function.

Ix	Unit	X <sub>max</sub>	X <sub>min</sub>	Ci	Ki	Pi	Shape	References
I1	(€/m <sup>2</sup> )	2200	50	1100	0.01	1.5	DCV	[50,51]
I2	(points)	100	0	50	0.01	1.5	DCV	[11]
I3	(kgCO <sub>2</sub> /m <sup>2</sup> )	600	10	300	0.01	1	DL	[51]
I4	(points)	100	0	50	0.01	0.5	ICX	[6,52]
I5	(points)	100	0	50	0.01	1	IL	[53]
I6	(points)	100	0	50	0.01	0.5	ICX	[20]
I7	(points)	100	0	50	0.01	0.5	ICX	
I8	(points)	100	0	50	0.01	1	IL	
I9	(points)	100	0	50	0.01	0.5	ICX	
I10	(points)	100	0	50	0.01	1	IL	
I11	(points)	100	0	50	0.01	0.5	DCV	
I12	(points)	100	0	50	0.01	0.5	ICX	[54]
I13	(points)	100	0	50	0.01	0.5	ICX	[6,52]
I14	(points)	100	0	50	0.01	0.5	ICX	

Legend: DCV—Decreasing Concave; DL—Decreasing Lineal; ICX—Increasing Convex; IL—Increasing Lineal.



**Table A9.** Main considerations for the calculations corresponding to each indicator.

Ix	Considerations for These Calculations
I1	Cost of: (a) connection composed of metallic screws, washers, knots, plastic connections, twines, adhesives, (b) substructure with metallic frames, plastic posts..., (c) mobile system, (d) energy system and (e) LED or fan.
I2	The disassembling operations for connections among solar control device parts, energy system and the connected devices.
I3	Emissions from the components described in I1.
I4	The surface of the components described in I1 and household waste elements.
I5	The recyclability rate of the waste used in each solar control device.
I6	The color uniformity of the household waste used in each alternative solar control device.
I7	The thermal behavior of each solar control device.
I8	The ventilation behavior of each solar control device and the incorporation of a fan.
I9	The light control behavior of each solar control device.
I10	The transparency of each solar control device.
I11	The rendering of the household waste, based on each solar control device.
I12	Flexibility to incorporate children's design & creativity depending on the type and size of household waste, whether this waste is paintable and if there is soil for growing plants.
I13	The contribution rate of children's assembly process considering the operation—screw, paint, glue, tie, cut or plant—, the number of operations depending on the type and size of waste and the percentage of children operations as part of the total assembly operations.
I14	Children's feedback regarding use of LED, fan or plants.

**Table A10.** Sustainability indexes.

Alternatives in Ground Floor Solar Protection Devices (1.1) Fixed (2.1)		SI <sub>R1,k</sub>	SI <sub>R2,k</sub>	SI <sub>R3,k</sub>	GS <sub>k</sub>
1	Ground floor, fixed, louveres, superficial, PV, fan	0.89	0.72	0.82	0.81
2	Ground floor, fixed, louveres, superficial, PV, LED	0.89	0.72	0.78	0.78
3	Ground floor, fixed, louveres, superficial, WIND, LED	0.72	0.72	0.78	0.76
4	Ground floor, fixed, exterior curtains, bottles, waste + soil, PV, fan	0.88	0.85	0.75	0.79
5	Ground floor, fixed, exterior curtains, bottles, waste + soil, PV, LED	0.89	0.85	0.71	0.76
6	Ground floor, fixed, exterior curtains, bottles, waste + soil, wind, LED	0.72	0.85	0.71	0.74
7	Ground floor, fixed, exterior curtains, other containers, waste + soil, PV, fan	0.75	0.93	0.71	0.76
8	Ground floor, fixed, exterior curtains, other containers, waste + soil, PV, LED	0.76	0.93	0.67	0.73
9	Ground floor, fixed, exterior curtains, other containers, waste + soil, wind, LED	0.59	0.93	0.67	0.71
10	Ground floor, fixed, exterior curtains, superficial, PV, fan	0.94	0.67	0.68	0.70
11	Ground floor, fixed, exterior curtains, superficial, PV, LED	0.95	0.67	0.64	0.68
12	Ground floor, fixed, exterior curtains, superficial, LED	0.78	0.67	0.64	0.66
13	Ground floor, fixed, exterior curtains, small, PV, fan	0.67	0.67	0.73	0.71
14	Ground floor, fixed, exterior curtains, small, PV, LED	0.67	0.67	0.69	0.68
15	Ground floor, fixed, exterior curtains, small, wind, LED	0.51	0.67	0.69	0.66
16	Ground floor, fixed, sun sail, bottle, waste, PV, fan	0.68	0.80	0.74	0.75
17	Ground floor, fixed, sun sail, bottle, waste, PV, LED	0.68	0.80	0.70	0.72
18	Ground floor, fixed, sun sail, other containers, waste, PV, fan	0.52	0.84	0.74	0.74
19	Ground floor, fixed, sun sail, other containers, waste, PV, LED	0.53	0.84	0.70	0.71
20	Ground floor, fixed, sun sail, superficial, PV, fan	0.86	0.64	0.67	0.68
21	Ground floor, fixed, sun sail, superficial, PV, LED	0.87	0.64	0.63	0.65
22	Ground floor, fixed, sun sail, small, PV, fan	0.37	0.55	0.73	0.65
23	Ground floor, fixed, sun sail, small, PV, LED	0.37	0.55	0.68	0.63
Alternatives in the Ground Floor (1.1) that Move (2.2)		SI <sub>R1,k</sub>	SI <sub>R2,k</sub>	SI <sub>R3,k</sub>	GS <sub>k</sub>
24	Ground floor, movable, louveres, superficial, PV, fan	0.79	0.70	0.86	0.82
25	Ground floor, movable, louveres, superficial, PV, LED	0.79	0.70	0.86	0.82
26	Ground floor, movable, exterior curtains, bottle, waste, PV, fan	0.78	0.83	0.82	0.82
27	Ground floor, movable, exterior curtains, bottle, waste, PV, LED	0.78	0.83	0.78	0.79
28	Ground floor, movable, exterior curtains, other containers, waste, PV, fan	0.64	0.90	0.82	0.82
29	Ground floor, movable, exterior curtains, other containers, waste, PV, LED	0.64	0.91	0.77	0.79
30	Ground floor, movable, exterior curtains, superficial, PV, fan	0.84	0.65	0.75	0.74
31	Ground floor, movable exterior curtains, superficial, PV, LED	0.84	0.65	0.71	0.71
32	Ground floor, movable, exterior curtains, small, PV, fan	0.56	0.65	0.80	0.75
33	Ground floor, movable, exterior curtains, 17mall, PV, LED	0.56	0.65	0.76	0.72
34	Ground floor, movable, sun sail, bottle, waste, PV, fan	0.62	0.79	0.77	0.76
35	Ground floor, movable, sun sail, bottle, waste, PV, LED	0.62	0.79	0.73	0.73
36	Ground floor, movable, sun sail, other containers, waste, PV, fan	0.47	0.83	0.77	0.75
37	Ground floor, movable, sun sail, other containers, waste, PV, LED	0.47	0.83	0.73	0.72
38	Ground floor, movable, sun sail, superficial, PV, fan	0.78	0.63	0.70	0.69

39	Ground floor, movable, sun sail, superficial, PV, LED	0.78	0.63	0.66	0.66
40	Ground floor, movable, sun sail, small, PV, fan	0.32	0.54	0.76	0.67
41	Ground floor, movable, sun sail, small, PV, LED	0.32	0.54	0.72	0.64
<b>Alternatives from the First Floor on (1.2) Fixed (2.1)</b>		<b>SI<sub>R1,k</sub></b>	<b>SI<sub>R2,k</sub></b>	<b>SI<sub>R3,k</sub></b>	<b>GS<sub>k</sub></b>
42	1st floor on, fixed, louvres, superficial, PV, fan	0.86	0.72	0.82	0.81
43	1st floor on, fixed, louvres, superficial, PV, LED	0.86	0.72	0.78	0.78
44	1st floor on, fixed, louvres, superficial, WIND, LED	0.70	0.72	0.78	0.76
45	1st floor on, fixed, exterior curtains, bottles, waste, PV, fan	0.79	0.85	0.74	0.76
46	1st floor on, fixed, exterior curtains, bottles, waste, PV, LED	0.79	0.85	0.69	0.74
47	1st floor on, fixed, exterior curtains, bottles, waste, wind, LED	0.63	0.85	0.69	0.72
48	1st floor on, fixed, exterior curtains, other containers, waste, PV, fan	0.57	0.93	0.70	0.73
49	1st floor on, fixed, exterior curtains, other containers, waste, PV, LED	0.58	0.93	0.65	0.70
50	1st floor on, fixed, exterior curtains, other containers, waste, wind, LED	0.41	0.93	0.65	0.68
51	1st floor on, fixed, exterior curtains, superficial, PV, fan	0.90	0.67	0.68	0.70
52	1st floor on, fixed, exterior curtains, superficial, PV, LED	0.91	0.67	0.64	0.67
53	1st floor on, fixed, exterior curtains, superficial, LED	0.74	0.67	0.64	0.65
54	1st floor on, fixed, exterior curtains, small, PV, fan	0.48	0.67	0.73	0.69
55	1st floor on, fixed, exterior curtains, small, PV, LED	0.49	0.67	0.68	0.66
56	1st floor on, fixed, exterior curtains, small, wind, LED	0.32	0.67	0.68	0.64
57	1st floor on, fixed, sun sail, bottles, waste, PV, Fan	0.66	0.80	0.74	0.74
58	1st floor on, fixed, sun sail, bottles, waste, PV, LED	0.67	0.80	0.70	0.72
59	1st floor on, fixed, sun sail, other containers, waste, PV, fan	0.50	0.84	0.74	0.73
60	1st floor on, fixed, sun sail, other containers, waste, PV, LED	0.50	0.84	0.70	0.71
61	1st floor on, fixed, sun sail, superficial, PV, fan	0.84	0.64	0.67	0.68
62	1st floor on, fixed, sun sail, superficial, PV, LED	0.84	0.64	0.63	0.65
63	1st floor on, fixed, sun sail, small, PV, fan	0.21	0.55	0.73	0.64
64	1st floor on, fixed, sun sail, small, PV, LED	0.22	0.55	0.68	0.61
<b>Alternatives from the First Floor on (1.2) that Move (2.2)</b>		<b>SI<sub>R1,k</sub></b>	<b>SI<sub>R2,k</sub></b>	<b>SI<sub>R3,k</sub></b>	<b>GS<sub>k</sub></b>
65	1st floor on, movable, louvres, superficial, PV, fan	0.76	0.70	0.86	0.82
66	1st floor on, movable louvres, superficial, PV, LED	0.77	0.70	0.86	0.82
67	1st floor on, movable, exterior curtains, bottle, waste, PV, fan	0.68	0.83	0.81	0.80
68	1st floor on, movable, exterior curtains, bottle, waste, PV, LED	0.69	0.83	0.77	0.78
69	1st floor on, movable, exterior curtains, other containers, waste, PV, fan	0.46	0.90	0.81	0.80
70	1st floor on, movable, exterior curtains, other containers, waste, PV, LED	0.47	0.91	0.77	0.77
71	1st floor on, movable, exterior curtains, superficial, PV, fan	0.80	0.65	0.75	0.73
72	1st floor on, movable, exterior curtains, superficial, PV, LED	0.80	0.65	0.71	0.71
73	1st floor on, movable, exterior curtains, small, PV, fan	0.40	0.66	0.80	0.73
74	1st floor on, movable, exterior curtains, superficial, PV, LED	0.40	0.66	0.76	0.70
75	1st floor on, movable, sun sail, bottle, waste, PV, fan	0.60	0.79	0.77	0.76
76	1st floor on, movable, sun sail, bottle, waste, PV, LED	0.60	0.79	0.73	0.73
77	1st floor on, movable sun sail, other containers, waste, PV, fan	0.44	0.83	0.77	0.75
78	1st floor on, movable, sun sail, other containers, waste, PV, LED	0.44	0.83	0.73	0.72
79	1st floor on, movable, sun sail, superficial, PV, fan	0.75	0.63	0.70	0.69
80	1st floor on, movable, sun sail, superficial, PV, LED	0.76	0.63	0.66	0.66
81	1st floor on, movable, sun sail, small, PV, fan	0.17	0.54	0.76	0.65
82	1st floor on, movable, sun sail, small, PV, LED	0.17	0.54	0.71	0.63
<b>Non-Logical Alternatives</b>		<b>SI<sub>R1,k</sub></b>	<b>SI<sub>R2,k</sub></b>	<b>SI<sub>R3,k</sub></b>	<b>GS<sub>k</sub></b>
83	Ground floor, fixed, solid panels, cardboard, PV, fan	0.94	0.33	0.70	0.65
84	Ground floor, fixed, solid panels, cardboard, PV, LED	0.95	0.33	0.66	0.62
85	Ground floor, fixed, solar control glass, superficial,	0.54	0.37	0.42	0.42
86	Ground floor, fixed, solar control glass, plastic bags	0.54	0.30	0.47	0.44
87	Ground floor, movable, roller shutters, superficial, PV, LED	0.80	0.65	0.73	0.72
88	Ground floor, movable, solid panels, cardboard, PV, fan	0.84	0.31	0.70	0.64
89	Ground floor, movable, solid panels, cardboard, PV, LED	0.85	0.31	0.66	0.61
90	1st floor on, fixed, solid panels, cardboard, PV, fan	0.93	0.33	0.70	0.65
91	1st floor on, fixed, solid panels, cardboard, PV, LED	0.94	0.33	0.65	0.62
92	1st floor on, fixed, solar control glass, superficial,	0.54	0.37	0.42	0.42
93	1st floor on, fixed, solar control glass, plastic bags	0.54	0.30	0.47	0.44
94	1st floor on, movable, roller shutters, superficial, PV, LED	0.73	0.65	0.73	0.71
95	1st floor on, movable, solid panels, cardboard, PV, fan	0.82	0.31	0.70	0.63
96	1st floor on, movable, solid panels, cardboard, PV, LED	0.82	0.31	0.65	0.60
<b>Most Used Current Solar Control Device</b>		<b>SI<sub>R1,k</sub></b>	<b>SI<sub>R2,k</sub></b>	<b>SI<sub>R3,k</sub></b>	
97	Exterior roller shutter	0,45	0,00	0,46	

## Appendix E

**Table A11.** Abbreviations used in the text.

Abbreviations	Relevant Values
MSW	Municipal Solid Waste
AC	Air Conditioning
GMA	General Morphology Analysis
MCDM	Multi-Criteria Decision Making
MIVES	The Integrated Value Model for Sustainable Assessment
CCA	Cross-Consistency Assessment
AHP	Analytic Hierarchy Process
GSk	Global sustainability index
SIRi,k	Requirements satisfaction index
CIRi,k	Criteria satisfaction index
Vi,k	Value from the value function satisfaction
LED	Light-Emitting Diodes
DCV	Decreasing Concave
DL	Decreasing Lineal
ICX	Increasing Convex
IL	Increasing Lineal
PV	Photovoltaic
N/A	Not Applicable
UA	Unexpected Alternative

**Table A12.** Abbreviations for Equations (1) and (2).

Abbreviations	Relevant Values
A	The response value to Xmax
ki	Value that comes closer to the ordinate of the curve inflection point
Xalt	Each response to the indicator value function
Xm = Xmax	The maximum abscissa value considered for decreasing indicators
Xm = Xmin	The minimum abscissa value considered for increasing indicators
Ci	Value that closer to the abscissa value of the curve inflection point
B	Parameter that maintains the function within the 0 to 1 range

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